

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. NOJIMA Confirmation No.: 5549  
Serial No.: 10/649,635  
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For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
Group: 2168  
Examiner: G. Robinson

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 26, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 26, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Substitute Specification** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.